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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07/28/06 & 10/18/06.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 35-41, 43, 45-48, 50 and 53 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 39-41, 43, 45-48, 50 and 53 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 35-38, 47 and 48 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 October 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Claims

As per the amendment dated 07/28/06, claims 1-34,42,44,49,51,52 and 54 have been cancelled, and claims 35-41,43,45-50 and 53 await an action on the merits.

Withdrawal of Allowable Subject Matter

The indicated allowability of claims 35-38,47 and 48 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to DAVIDSON and HALLIGAN, Sr. et al. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 35-38,47 and 48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent #5,839,237 to DAVIDSON in view of US Patent #4,986,389 to HALLIGAN, Sr. et al. In reference to claims 35,36 and 47, DAVIDSON discloses the use of a security apparatus including a section of material (A); a plurality of pairing members (2); a plurality of fastening members (1,4,6); and an entry/exit means (B); wherein fastening members (4,6) permit fastening and unfastening and tightening from only one side of the material, see figures 2 and 4, obviously, with or without the use of a tool. DAVIDSON discloses the basic claimed structure except for explicitly detailing that his fastening member is a circular finger hold. HALLIGAN, Sr. et al. teaches the use of a circular turnbuckle (38) used for tightening. Thus, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made

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to provide the buckle of DAVIDSON with the circular turnbuckle of HALLIGAN, Sr. et al. in order to ensure a firm tightening member. Regarding claims 37 and 38, although DAVIDSON, as modified by HALLIGAN, Sr. et al. is silent as to how the turnbuckle can be tightened, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art that the device be fastened by any manner suitable, since the applicant has shown no criticality for hand fastening over a drill or an Allen wrench. Further regarding claims 47 and 48, the pairing members (2) are grommets/rings.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 39, 41, 43, 45-48, 50 and 53 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the newly revised ground(s) of rejection.

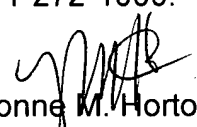
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yvonne M. Horton whose telephone number is (571) 272-6845. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 am - 3:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Naoko Slack can be reached on (571) 272-6848. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner
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